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Dear Harold,

Good point on the Frazier/surveillance angle - I'll put it in the next Coverups.

The MIT mess - Schreiber, who is head of the Image Processing Dept, is the one who agreed to look at the picture after David begged and pleaded. Professor Lim and an associate did the actual work. Lim, whose first name I don't remember, is the one who backed out. Schreiber is merely going along with Lim's decision, but Schreiber is the one who said we could not have the digitized computer tape. The digitizing was done by the Scitex Corporation, which has facilities a few miles from MIT. Product Manager Eli Israeli oversaw the digitizing and had a copy of the computer tape made for Scitex files; as far as we know, Scitex still has the copy. Israeli is their Product Manager at the home office in Israel.

Just found a note - it's Dr. Bill Schreiber, Professor of Electrical Engineering for the Image Processing Group.

The initial meeting at MIT in Cambridge was with Schreiber, Lim, Israeli (acting as a consultant), David Wright, Jack White and myself. I sat between Lim and Israeli. We showed them exactly what you saw in Washington and the slide Groden had sent. They all saw the image immediately. Their change in expression and attitude was instantaneous. Let me clarify - we first showed them the 8x10 with the overlay.

Lim was so excited his hands were shaking as he held the pictures. Hi interest and enthusiasm were genuine.

After backgrounding on the picture and details, arrangements were made to transfer the slide image to computer tape. Israeli called his office and set up computer time for first thing the next morning.

David, Jack & I arrived, the image was scanned, and Israeli spent almost an hour enhancing the image. Everyone in the room, 10-15 people in all, saw the image of a man and were stunned to learn where the picture came from. However, this enhancement session was only to alter brightness and contrast and did not involve computer work. The original image and enhanced versions were stored on tape and a copy was kept at Scitex. We took the original tape to MIT later that morning.

Schreiber took it because Lim was out of his office. Jack & I then flew back to Texas. Early that evening, Lim and an assistant started work on the image. They didn't finish till 8 or 9 the next morning.

In a phone conversation with David, Lim said he had no doubt it was a person. He worked only on the facial features except for a brief period when he concentrated on the "smoke". He was not able to find a gun either through or under that image. He found what he thoughtwas a second man, but he wasn't clear about where (we did explain the Gordon Arnold possibility, which was not known when I wrote the first story for the October 1982 Coverups).

Lim said he would continue on the project and wanted to try out two or three new computer programs which he had developed. He felt they would bring out more detail without adding "noise" to the picture. He also wanted to "get the blessings" of the school before proceeding.

Later that afternoon, Lim "frantically" refused to continue. He did not say why the change in heart, nor did he say it was a school decision. He said if the Enquirer printed a word about any of this he would deny having seen any picture having to do with the assassination. He also refused to talk with any other scientists the Enquirer might contact.

Everything that happened after Jack and I flew home, of course, came from David Wright. I have no reason to doubt him and have, in fact, made the preliminary moves to get another scientist to duplicate the work; however, I won't know more until sometime in January.

Enclosed is a much clearer version of the McIntire photo showing the railroad car. Several of the early Wilma Bond photos also show a moving shape in back of the pergola. The McIntire photo is 15-20 seconds after the head shot. The Stemmons photo you mentioned is anywhere from 1-1½ minutes after the shooting, so the train could have gotten to a location where it can't be seen. Remember, I've written many times about the "slowdown" or "stop" on the Stemmons access ramp.

I don't know if the train car has any connection, but it was there. I do know it was not crossing the overpass at the time of the shooting, even though one of the cops said it was.

Barger's refutation is not yet finished - he told me months ago he woul send me a copy. The AGC problem, which Barger first suspected, presumably will be part of his report.

Also enclosed is a copy of the rebuttal - both Blakey and Cutler sent me copies. I understand it's pretty good - wish I had the math expertise to understand it.

Thanks again for the introduction to the Enquirer people. I've been treated fairly, and well - hope it continues!

Gary